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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a resident of South Carolina, I am writing to express my support of the settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department. After three years of litigation, Microsoft and the government have settled a suit that has profound implications for all software developers and the rest of the IT industry.

For example, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. The company has also agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products.

Furthermore, a technical committee will be in place to make sure Microsoft is in compliance with the settlement, and aid in dispute resolution. I urge that you back off your pursuit of Microsoft, and go after companies like Wal-Mart who are destroying our communities.

Sincerely,

James A. Wood Jr.

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond